



INFLUENZA VACCINATION OF ADULTS 2006-2007

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Burden of Influenza



Hospitalizations: >200,000
annually (average)

Deaths: ~36,000 (average)

Attack rate during most
influenza seasons: 5-20%
of US population

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Influenza Season 2006-2007



Recommended Groups for Vaccination

Adults 50 years old and older
Residents of nursing homes
Persons 5 – 49 years old at high risk for complications
Household contacts of persons at high risk for complications
Health care workers
Pregnant women
Children 6-59 months old

➤ Anyone wishing to decrease their risk of illness

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Vaccination of Adults



Vaccine available in communities
in Oct

Optimal time to vaccinate is Oct
and Nov

Vaccination should continue in Dec
and later (flu season Oct-May)

To ensure supply, schedule
additional vaccination clinics in
Nov and Dec

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Influenza Vaccine: Medicare



Medicare covers flu vaccine for free

- Beneficiaries in managed care plan -
~15% pop (e.g., Medicare Advantage)
- need to receive shots within plan

Beneficiaries in fee for service can receive in any setting that takes Medicare

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Influenza Vaccine Supply



Over 100 million doses
available this year

Over 75 m doses by end
Oct, additional vaccine
Nov/Dec

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Influenza Vaccine Supply



- More vaccine available this season compared to any previous season

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Influenza Vaccine Supply



	Doses Produced (millions)	Doses Distributed (millions)
1980	15.7	12.4
1985	23.1	20.1
1990	32.3	28.3
1995	71.5	54.9
1999	77.2	76.8
2000	77.9	70.4
2001	87.7	77.7
2002	95.0	83.0
2003	86.9	83.1
2004	61.0	56.5
2005	88.1	81.1



Influenza Vaccine:



*Begin vaccinating
when you have
vaccine!*

*Get vaccinated
yourself!*

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Influenza Vaccine:
Communication with Patients



*Influenza vaccine
cannot cause
influenza*

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**Influenza Vaccine:
Communication with Patients**

It takes two weeks for the vaccine to become protective

It is possible to be infected with influenza virus after vaccination

Therefore, people can develop influenza disease after being vaccinated

Other microbes besides influenza cause influenza-like illness

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Posters Targeting Seniors and People with Chronic Health Conditions

STAYING HEALTHY IS IMPORTANT TO ME.

“If you have a chronic health condition, you should be among the first to get a flu shot every year.”

On average, the flu kills 36,000 people each year in the U.S.

Chronic health conditions include asthma, kidney disease, diabetes, heart disease, lung disease, chronic bronchitis, a weakened immune system, and HIV.

Stay healthy and strong. Get a flu shot.

My doctor said I should get a flu shot to protect myself AND the ones I love. So I did.

www.cdc.gov/flu/gallery

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